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Settlement Reached In Toxic Waste Suit

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CYNTHIANA, Ky.—Five Harrison County families have agreed to an out-of-court settlement of their \$20 million lawsuit over the dumping of toxic wastes from a Cincinnati paint plant near their homes, their lawyer said.

Attorney David Altman of Cincinnati said he could not say how much each of the families received in the settlement with Inmont Corp. and Container Corp. of America.

Inmont, a New Jersey-based plant, has acknowledged that drums of paint waste from its Cincinnati plant were found at the Harrison County dump, and a

former driver for a subsidiary of Container Corp. of America admitted dumping the waste.

The families, who live about eight miles north of Cynthiana, filed suit in 1983, charging that the toxic chemicals from the dump affected their health and killed livestock.

PATRICIA SHEPPERD said her family began experiencing headaches and watery eyes about six years ago, shortly after moving to a farm across the road from the dump.

"When the children went out, they got diarrhea," Mrs. Shepperd said. After EPA officials investigated the dump, they told the Shepperds that their health problems might be linked to the dump.